

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of  
Katumasa HOSI, et al.

Docket No: Q78692

Appln. No.: 10/736,074

Group Art Unit: 1791

Confirmation No.: 4260

Examiner: Patrick Neal BUTLER

Filed: December 16, 2003

For: STRAW TUBE, AND APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

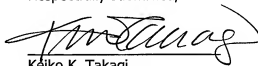
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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement, dated April 30, 2008. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects **Group II, claims 3, 4 and 9-12** for examination. This election is made without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1-2 and 5-8.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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